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House Meets at 11:00 a.m. for Legislative Business

Anticipated Floor Action:

H.Res. 89--Requesting that the President Submit a Balanced Budget
H.R. 852--Paperwork Elimination Act



H.Res. 89—Requesting that the President Submit a Balanced Budget

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.Res. 89 under a closed rule as its first order of business today. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a closed rule that provides for two hours of debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Budget Committee. It also provides for one motion to recommit, which may contain instructions only if offered by the minority leader or his designee. If the motion includes instructions, it is debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent.

Summary: H.Res. 89 asks the president to submit a budget plan for FY 1998 that will balance the federal budget by FY 2002. The resolution requests that the president submit this plan to Congress by April 7, 1997. The plan should (1) achieve a balanced budget by FY 2002 using the most recent economic and technical assumptions from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), (2) reduce the deficit through programmatic reforms rather than alternative budgetary procedures, (3) realize a significant proportion of its total savings in the first three years, and (4) propose Medicare reform sufficient to forestall the imminent bankruptcy of the Medicare Part A trust fund. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Sununu, Ms. Granger, and Mr. Pitts, and was not considered by any committee.

Views:

Republican Leadership: Supports

Chairman Kasich: Supports

President Clinton: No Position Available

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #6, March 7, 1997.

H.R. 852—Paperwork Elimination Act

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.R. 852 after it completes consideration of H.Res 89. On Tuesday, the Rules Committee granted an open rule providing for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Small Business Committee. The rule grants priority in recognition to members who have their amendments pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Summary: H.R. 852 requires the federal government to comply with the intent of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (*P.L. 104-13*), which requires that federal agencies provide the option of electronic submission of information, electronic compliance with regulations, and electronic disclosure of information to all who must comply with federal regulations. Specifically, the bill requires the Office of Management and Budget to: (1) ensure that all federal agencies make necessary changes to facilitate electronic communications; (2) make such electronic means available to other entities which conduct business on behalf of the government; and (3) provide regular reports on the progress of federal agency efforts to establish electronic facilities. CBO estimates that enactment will result in no significant cost to the federal government. H.R. 852 was introduced by Mr. Talent and ordered reported by the Small Business Committee by voice vote.

Views:

Republican Leadership: Supports
Chairman Talent: Supports
President Clinton: Has No Objection

Amendments: At press time, the *Legislative Digest* was unaware of any amendments to H.R. 852.

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #6, March 7, 1997.



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